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C O N F I D E N T I A L ABU DHABI 0295

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SUBJ: THE ARAB DETERRENT FORCE (ADF) IN LEBANON: THE MISSING  
EMIRIANS.

REF: JIDDA 0777

1. WE ARE PUZZLED BY MANSOURI'S FAILURE TO INCLUDE UAE AMONG  
THOSE ARAB COUNTRIES PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR ADF. NOT ONLY HAS  
UAE GIVEN POLITICAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THIS OPERATION  
BUT IT CONTRIBUTES COMPOSITE BATTALION OF TROOPS TO ADF. WE  
ASSUME MANSOURI FAILURE WAS MERELY AN OVERSIGHT AND NOT ACTUAL  
IGNORANCE ON PART OF SAUDIS AS TO UAE CONTRIBUTIONS TO ADF EFFORT.

2. WHILE WE HAVE NOT DISCUSSED RECENTLY WITH UAE OFFICIALS  
FUTURE ROLE OF EMIRATES CONTINGENT IN ADF, WE WERE GIVEN  
TO UNDERSTAND LAST FALL THAT UAE INTENDED THAT UNITS ROTATED  
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TO LEBANON IN DECEMBER 1977 FOR SIX MONTHS TOUR WOULD BE LAST TO  
TO SERVE WITH ADF. THIS INTENTION WAS BASED ON FEELING THAT  
UAE WAS OVER-EXTENDING ITSELF IN TRYING TO MAINTAIN CONTINGENT IN  
LEBANON AS WELL AS ON POSSIBLE NOTION THAT ADF WOULD BE PROBABLY  
PHASED OUT BY MID-1978. FURTHERMORE, CURRENT BORDER TENSIONS  
WITH OMAN -- IF NOT RESOLVED SOON -- MAY PERSUADE UAE LEADERSHIP  
THAT TROOPS NOW IN LEBANON ARE NEEDED MORE URGENTLY AT HOME.

3. UAE WOULD NO DOUBT PREFER TO REDUCE OR TERMINATE ITS OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE TROOPS TO ADF BEYOND MID-78. IT WOULD HOWEVER PROBABLY BE SYMPATHETIC TO ADF'S EXTENSION IF THIS WERE REQUESTED BY LEBANON, ENDORSED BY ARAB LEAGUE, AND STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY SAUDIS. IN THAT EVENT UAE MAY SEEK TO SUBSTITUTE LARGER CASH CONTRIBUTION TO ADF FOR OBLIGATION TO FURNISH UAE TROOPS.  
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